

Pastor Chris Leingang, Faith Fellowship Lutheran Brethren Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006, Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Councilmember Futchter arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS:

National Community Action Month:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring May 2006 as "National Community Action Month" in the City of Kelso. Alan Rose from CAP accepted the Proclamation and gave a brief presentation.

Native Plant Appreciation Week:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 30, 2006, to May 6, 2006, as "Native Plant Appreciation Week" in the City of Kelso.

National Police Week:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of May 14 to May 20, 2006, as "National Police Week" and May 15, 2006, as "Peace Officer's Memorial Day" in the City of Kelso. Chaplain Steve White accepted the Proclamation and gave a brief presentation. Chaplain White requested the City of Kelso fly all flags at half staff on May 15, 2006, in honor of police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ordinance No. 06-3622 – Repealing Kelso Municipal Code 15.28 Regarding Trailer

Parks: Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futchter, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 06-3622 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPEALING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 15.28 REGARDING TRAILER PARKS.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Document Recording Fee Proposals in the Amount of \$60,135.00 for Fiscal Year 2006:

Kathleen Wirtz, Executive Director for Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity, gave a summary of the program.

Jon Dieter, Longview Housing Authority, who is working in partnership with the Kelso Housing Authority, explained a new housing program in Kelso called SHARE (Self-Help And Rehab Equity). **Michelle Honey** spoke from the audience explaining how she would benefit from the SHARE program.

Rich Kirk, spoke concerning funding requested for the Community House on Broadway.

Dave Hill, Financial Director at Residential Resources, explained the Outward Bound Group Home program and the funding that is needed.

Sherrie Tinoco, Director of the Emergency Support Shelter in Kelso, explained some of the current financial needs of the shelter.

Sheila Girt, Energy and Housing Director with Lower Columbia Community Action Council, spoke about Kelso Transitional Housing.

MOTION ITEMS:

Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, **‘Approve Document Recording Fee Monies Distribution as follows: Habitat for Humanity \$6,500.00; Kelso/Longview Housing Authority \$30,000.00; Residential Resources \$13,000.00; Emergency Support Shelter \$5,000.00; Community House on Broadway \$5,635.00, for a total of \$60,135.00.’** Councilmembers Gregory, Chester, Karnofski, McDaniel, and Wheeler voted yes; Councilmember Slater voted no; and Councilmember Futcher abstained due to a conflict. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Resolution No. 06-913 – Support of the Washington State Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration Grants: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, ‘Adopt Resolution No. 06-913, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE KELSO CITY COUNCIL STATING ITS SUPPORT OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANTS,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Financing of Biosolids Processing Improvements: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, ‘Approve Interlocal Agreement for Financing of Biosolids Processing Improvements.’ Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 06-915 – Declaring Certain Property as Surplus (Several Cords of Wood at Various Sites):

The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Resolution No. 06-915, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 06-914 – Establishing Per Diem Reimbursement for Kelso

Employees: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Futchter and seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Adopt Resolution No. 06-914, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-735 ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSING CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR MEALS WHILE TRAVELING ON CITY BUSINESS AND FIXING A PER DIEM RATE FOR SUCH REIMBURSEMENT.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: No Report

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: I will be at the Skamania Lodge May 3 attending WSAMA.

Kent Anderson: 1) Thursday, May 11, there will be an open house at East Hills Alliance Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the skate park. Residents in the neighborhood are encouraged to attend and express their concerns. 2) Last year 17 new homes were constructed in Kelso and there were over 200 remodels. This year 12 new homes have been constructed. 3) Next week we will interview four candidates for the Planning Commission opening. 4) If you get a chance, be sure to walk the dike to see how good it looks since it has been cleared. It was suggested we get volunteers to "Adopt a Dike" to help keep the dike clean. Perhaps a note could be put in the newsletter.

David Sypher: 1) Still working on our City Engineer Recruitment. 2) In process of hiring summer help for the Operations Division. 3) The contract with the FBO operator has been signed and he will start May 7. We are selling fuel at the airport which is positive. 4) Today Cowlitz County reviewed our agreement for the exchange of funds and we will issue the notice of award tomorrow for the North Pacific project. 5) Hoping to get the S curve project combined with the overlay project completed. 6) The street crew is working hard getting ready for the overlay project. 7) Roger Harper and Steve Moyer in traffic are working hard painting.

Geraldine Veenstra: I attended a Washington Library Association Conference, which was subsidized by the State.

Wayne Nelson: I'm going to a training in Alexandria, Virginia, on Friday and will be gone four or five days at no cost to me or the City. A two-day conference is being sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. 2) Our two student officers are doing a good job in the field training officer program.

Veryl Anderson: The State Auditors are coming this week.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Joe Wheeler: 1) I attended the Cowlitz Transit Authority meeting. Mr. Wyn, who represented Mr. Wise, also represented us on the CTA board, which was a conflict. The board has decided to have a conflict clause added so we don't encounter this problem again. 2) There is a lot of garbage in South Kelso that needs to be cleaned up.

Todd McDaniel: 1) I have been attending the CAP meetings. I don't have anything major to report at this time. 2) The dike looks awesome! 3) Next month I'm going to Washington, DC. I will meet with Representative Baird and he will give us a tour of the Capital. If you have anything you would like me to discuss with him, let me know.

John Karnofski: No Report

Mark Chester: 1) I have been attending the COG board meetings and have nothing to report. 2) Noticed the Allen Street projects are getting underway. Community Development Director Kent Anderson reported they should be applying for demolition permits to tear down the buildings in the block. Next week Kent will be meeting with the owner of the property and the business owner to go through their designs of the project.

David Futcher: 1) My sister lives in Alexandria, Virginia, where Chief Nelson is going to attend the conference. 2) I encourage Councilmembers to attend the public meeting concerning the skate park on May 11th. We need to hear the concerns of these individuals and see if we can work things out and move the project forward.

Alan Slater: I want to talk in favor of the skate board park. I think it is important and our kids need to have something to do. The Rotary Park is ideal for the skate board park.

Don Gregory: 1) I have talked with some of the Longview Councilmembers and they have no problem with the skate park on Washington Way. 2) Will the fence at the spray park be in place before the kids start showing up? Public Works Director David Sypher stated Rotary is planning to have a grand opening in June and they are doing lots of improvements before the event. We plan to turn on the water Memorial Day weekend. 3) Doug, David, and I attended the jail grand opening. It's an impressive facility. 4) I

have been promoting a new library in Kelso and I have talked to some foundations about funding. Dr Hill from the Kelso School District has volunteered to be on a committee to help get a library. 5) I have concerns with the problems that are going on at KLTV. Further discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss real estate issues. At 10:15 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futch, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK